THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) Central assistance is peing provided to all State Governments, including Gujarat under Land Reforms Schemes. During 1991-92, Central assistance of Rs. 40.000 lakhs under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Assignees of Ceiling Surplus Land was provided to Gujarat. There is no proposal for providing special assistance to the State Government.

National Technology Mission on Drinking Water

4829. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Technology Mission on Drinking water was launched in 1986;

(b) if so, what were the objectives thereof;

(c) whether the objectives have been fulfilled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons tnerefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The objectives of Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission were to cover all residual problem villages numbering 1,37,155 as on 1-4-1986; supply 40 litre; per capita per day of Safe Drinking Water in all areas for human beings and in addition 30 litres per capita per day in desert area for cattle, evolve cost effectives subject to the limit of plan allocation and to take measures for sustained supply of water.

(c) and (d) The actual achievement at the end of tne year 1991-92 was coverage of 1,34,187 'No Source' problem villages against the target of 137155 problem villages. In addition 135 Desalination Plants, 5057 Iron Removal Plants, 169 Handpump attached and 63 Fill and Draw type defluoridation plants have been set up so far. Under Eradication of Guinea-worm, the number of affected areas have peen brougth down from 23070 on 1-1-1986 to 582 as on 1-7-92 and affected villages from 7102 to 1906 as on 1-1-92 6628 step-wells have been converted into sanitary wells. Satellite imageries were prepared for 447 districts for scientific source find ing. 84 stationary and 17 mobile water testing laboratories have also been commissioned.

Rural Pipe Water Supply Scheme

4830. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 338 given in the Rajya Sabna on 30th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the number of Rural Pipe Water Supply Schemes pending with the Central Government from different parts of India; and

(b) by when they are likely to to be cleared and what is the financial out lay provided for the samt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) As on date tnere are 82 rural pipe water supply schemes (including 5 schems for bilateral/World Bank assistance) from 7 States under Technical secrutiny in the Department of Rural Development.

(b) Thtse scheme are likely to pe decided before end of Octobr, 1992. The estimated cost of these schemes involves the financial outlay of Rs. 166.03 crores.